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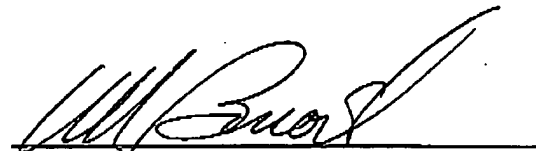
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REMARKS

Applicant hereby elects Group II, Species I identified by the Examiner, namely claims 7 to 17. This is not an admission that the Applicant agrees with the Examiner's finding that the claims as originally presented do not have at least one common inventive feature.

Please cancel claims 1 to 6 and 18 to 20.

Respectfully submitted,


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